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> 1 cc 157-60 (National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan)

1 cc 157-33 (Meeting of Right Wing Groups)

1 cc (JAMES R. VENABLE)

1 cc (J. A. MILTEER)

1 cc (Student Nonviolent Committee)

1 cc (FNU COLE, Head of Student Nonviolent Committee)

1 cc

1 cc (H. WALLACE BUTTERWORTH)

1 cc (Defensive League of Registered Americans, Inc.)

1 cc (FNU AIKENS)

1 cc (Constitution Party of Georgia)

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1 cc (General P. A. del VALLE)

1 - Birmingham

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1 cc (Pro-American Forum)

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1 cc [REDACTED]

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1 cc [REDACTED]

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1 cc (BERTRAM ELLIS)

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1 cc [REDACTED]
1 cc (National Knights of Ku Klux Klan)
1 cc (Ku Klux Klan)

2 - Los Angeles (Enc.-2) (RM)

1 cc 105-2151 (Constitution Party of U.S.)
1 cc [REDACTED]

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1 cc 105- (Constitution Party of U.S.)

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1 cc 105- (Constitution Party of U.S.)

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1 cc 105- (Constitution Party of U.S.)

1 cc

(Louisiana Committee on Free Elections)

1 cc (Senator HAROLD MONTGOMERY)

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4 - New York (Enc.-4) (RM)

1 cc 105- (Constitution Party of U.S.)

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1 cc 105- (Constitution Party of U.S.)
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1 cc (JOSEPH LIGHTBURN)
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1 cc 105- (Constitution Party of U.S.)
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2 - St. Louis (Enc.-2) (RM)
1 cc 105- (Constitution Party of U.S.)
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1 - San Antonio (100-8085) (Constitution Party of U.S.) (Enc.-1) (RM)

3 - San Francisco (Enc.-3) (RM)
1 cc 105-2550 (Constitution Party of U.S.)
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1 - Savannah (105-) (Constitution Party of U.S.) (Enc.-1) (RM)

3 - Seattle (Enc.-3) (RM)
1 cc 105- (Constitution Party of U.S.)
1 cc (W. FRANK HORNE)
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3 - Springfield (Enc.-3) (RM)
1 cc 105- (Constitution Party of U.S.)

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Louisville is being furnished one copy in view of fact individuals registered as representing National Law Committee. However, informant was unable to verify if they attended convention.

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The title of this case is being carried as "Constitution Party of the United States". It is realized that previous communications carried the title as [REDACTED] and "Meeting of Right Wing Groups, Indianapolis, Indiana, October 19 and 20, 1963". However, the meeting was the annual convention of "The Constitution Party of the United States". The right wing groups who were invited attempted to organize this meeting into an affair which would benefit them. This never materialized.

Copies of this airtel and LHM are being disseminated to offices where it has been established that members of the Constitution Party or other individuals were in attendance from that area.

Previous office of origin in this matter has been San Antonio. San Antonio by letter dated 10/29/63 advised that the organization appeared to be a strictly political organization and employing legal means to achieve its objectives.

It would appear logical to make Philadelphia office of origin in this matter as the Chairman of the National Committee, CURTIS B. DALL, 124 West Springfield Avenue, Philadelphia 18, Pennsylvania, is a resident of that city and two other officers are from that city.

Houston has been designated as the city for the next convention of The Constitution Party of the United States in April or May 1964.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

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Indianapolis, Indiana

November 4, 1963

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OF THE UNITED STATES ~~No VRY KLL Appeal #LG-83-0321~~

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that during the 18th, 19th, and 20th of October, 1963, J. A. Milteer in [REDACTED] Marott Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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The source advised both of these individuals were attending the convention of the Constitution Party of the United States which was held at the Marott Hotel on the above dates.

The source advised that, during a conversation between Milteer and [REDACTED], source learned that [REDACTED] admired [REDACTED] of Chattanooga, Tennessee. [REDACTED] offered the opinion that [REDACTED] was a klansman he met and that he admired him more than any other klansman he ever met.

The source was of the opinion that [REDACTED] met [REDACTED] on his trip to Indianapolis, Indiana.

The source further advised that [REDACTED] stated the United States Government was spending \$10,000 a month protecting someone in his neighborhood in Atlanta, Georgia, and this individual had been visited by Martin Luther King and Gus Hall. The source advised Milteer had commented he could kill this individual by Tuesday; although he did not relish killing, he could do it. He stated he would first have to see this individual so that he would not kill the wrong man. The source stated it was his impression

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that this was just general conversation. The source stated it was learned that the individual referred to in this conversation was one (first name unknown) Cole, head of the Student Non-Violent Committee, Atlanta, Georgia.

The source further advised that Milteer claimed to have run for Governor in Georgia under the Constitution Party of Georgia. He further claimed he was now the Regional Director of the Southeastern States of the Constitution Party of the United States.

The source advised that on October 20, 1963,

[REDACTED]
He was advised that one Aikens (not further identified) was the Chairman of the Constitution Party of Georgia. Milteer claimed that Aikens was not active. He was then advised to contact Aikens and work it out with him and to get himself elected to the National Committee by the Georgia delegation.

The source advised that, after Milteer had left the [REDACTED] it was indicated that the members did not trust him.

The source advised that [REDACTED] Milteer had a conversation with [REDACTED] St. Albans, West Virginia. During this conversation, it was brought out that James R. Venable, of Atlanta, Georgia, was not in keeping with the rules of his organization (not further identified) as he [REDACTED]

Venable has been described as an attorney from Atlanta, Georgia, and is National Chairman of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

A characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is set out in the appendix hereto.

It was further ascertained by this source that Milteer

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It has been ascertained that Herbert W. Butterworth is an officer in the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and is Secretary of the Defensive Legion of Registered Americans, Inc., which is described as anti-Semitic and anti-Negro organization.

Source advised that [REDACTED] was talking about the FBI in general and stated that the day the Baptist Church in Birmingham was bombed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
He did not further elaborate

The source stated that Milteer and [REDACTED] were dejected and disgusted with the meeting of the Constitution of the United States.

In a story in the "Indianapolis Star," a daily newspaper, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated October 21, 1963, under the heading "Constitutionists Develop Split," the story points out that National Chairman Curtis B. Dall, of Philadelphia, said several of the hundred representatives at the meeting indicated that they would prefer United States Senator Barry M. Goldwater (R. Arizona) for their Presidential nominee.

The story continues by pointing out the movement against Thurmond appeared when the National Committee started a move to kick out J. A. Milteer, of Quitman, Georgia, out of the Party for declaring himself a Regional Chairman for Thurmond in the Southeastern states.

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The story relates that Milteer had driven a truck plastered with signs advocating the nomination of Thurmond from Georgia. He also had spoken freely to the press. Several party observers said this evidently rankled Colonel Dall, who considers himself as the party spokesman.

Dall, a United States Air Force Reserve Colonel, frequently showed signs of keeping information on party policy or details from news media.

After threatening to expel Milteer from the party, an executive committee was held. Milteer attended.

At the conclusion of the lengthy meeting, Milteer said that Dall and the executive committee informed him that he could stay within party ranks but he would have to confine his activity to the State of Georgia alone.

The source advised that the meeting of the Constitution Party of the United States was held at the Hotel Marott, Indianapolis, Indiana, on the 18th, 19th, and 20th of October, 1963.

The source advised the only two resolutions adopted by the Constitution Party of the United States at their convention were as follows:

1. That the party support a law suit, which may be filed by the Minnesota delegation against the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. Party officials would not announce details of the suit.

2. That its national convention to draft a suitable candidate probably would be held in Houston, Texas, in the Spring of 1964.

The source advised the following is a summary of the meetings on

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National Chairman - Curtis B. Dall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, read a letter from the Louisiana Committee on Free Elections. It gave support to the Constitution Party of the United States. The letter was signed Senator Harold Montgomery, State Chairman, and George W. Connor, 4th District Chairman.

Frank Horne from State of Washington -
Horne stated a Mr. Daly, attorney, Minneapolis, has a brief to initiate a suit against the Federal Reserve Bank in Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota.

General P. A. del Valle, Annapolis, Maryland - main speaker - the invisible government manages the two political parties. The Council on Foreign Relations has picked the top government officials for years. International Bankers want the debt ceiling raised so they can reap further interest profits. The U. N. is controlled by Marxists.

H. W. Butterworth, Atlanta, Georgia, - 100,000 men, women in the South will be on the streets of every town to see that the name Strom Thurmond is on the ballot. He claimed that equal time law has been suspended. The Constitution Party is planning to sue in New York and Atlanta in order to get free time returned to all political parties, not just the Democrats and Republicans. He told members to sue in every town in order to get free time.

[REDACTED] - Richmond, Virginia, stated in Virginia a Conservative Council representative operates in each congressional district. In 1960, they fielded a slate and have one ready for the 1964 elections. The petitions are in the hands of the proper people to get Kennedy out of the White House.

[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois - described herself as a Christian and a practical politician. She stated the Democrats could not afford to lose any votes as they won the election by less than one per cent last time.

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[REDACTED] - California - She wants United States out of the United Nations. She is for the repeal of the Federal Reserve Act and to investigate tax and tax foundations and to sever all relations with Communist Countries. She suggested 10 women from each state go to Washington, D.C., to lobby for Constitution Party. She explained there would be 10 women there for each week of the year. Expenses would be borne by the women.

Mr. Bertram Ellis - Houston, Texas - He wanted the next convention to be held at Dallas, Houston, Texas, or Shreveport, Louisiana, and promised a good Christian hotel and favorable publicity. He praised the women for their work in the party. Ellis said they have been badly treated in Indianapolis, Indiana. He said fire had destroyed the books and papers of [REDACTED] and according to Ellis, it was no accident. He said several rooms had been rifled, the hotel kept changing people from one room to another, they were not allowed any piano and called it a battle against the Christians.

[REDACTED] - not further identified - hopes the United Nations will be burned to a crisp in the depths of hell. [REDACTED] said there were several things leading up to treason here in the United States. He said Israel is determined to destroy Christianity all over the world and Kennedy is going right along with it and expects to use his power to destroy the United States. He was called down for using strong language.

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Source advised Dall said he was disappointed with the meeting, could not get any newspaper publicity, bad hotel service, and will never come back to Indianapolis.

[REDACTED] on October 21, 1963, made available the hotel registrations for October 18, 19, and 20, 1963. The registrations reflect the following individuals were attending the convention of the Constitution Party of the United States:

Bertram / Ellis,
Houston, Texas [REDACTED]

Vice - C. [REDACTED]

Jerome / Daly, Savage, Minnesota [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] West Virginia [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Pennsylvania [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Fort Wayne, Indiana [REDACTED]

✓ Dr. Kenneth / Goff [REDACTED]
Denver, Colorado [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] San Francisco, California [REDACTED]

Mrs. Samuel G. / Clark, [REDACTED]
San Francisco, California [REDACTED]

✓ Dr. [REDACTED] A.G. Blazey,
Washington, Indiana [REDACTED]

W.J. / Kerns, [REDACTED]
West Virginia [REDACTED]

Joseph / Lightburn, [REDACTED]
West Virginia [REDACTED]

Vice chair [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
South, Minneapolis 23, Minnesota

[REDACTED]
St. Paul, Minnesota

[REDACTED]
Farrington, Minnesota

[REDACTED]
Minneapolis, Minnesota

[REDACTED]
Minneapolis, Minnesota

[REDACTED]
St. Paul 7, Minnesota

W. Frank Horne, Room 5, Tonkin Building,
Renton, Washington (Keystone Adv. Corp.)

[REDACTED]
Mountain, Georgia

H.W. Butterworth, VFW Drive, Stone
Mountain, Georgia

[REDACTED]
Miami, Florida

[REDACTED]
Miami, Florida

[REDACTED]
Atlanta, Georgia

J.A. Milteer, [REDACTED] Georgia

Col. Curtis B. Dall, [REDACTED]
Philadelphia 18, Pennsylvania

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[REDACTED] West Palm Beach, Florida

[REDACTED] Syracuse, Indiana

P.A. Del Valle, [REDACTED]
Annapolis, Maryland

[REDACTED] Chicago 29, Illinois (Pro-American Forum)

[REDACTED] Chicago 14, Illinois

[REDACTED] Richmond, Virginia

[REDACTED] California

[REDACTED] Chicago 14, Illinois (Pro-American Forum)

[REDACTED] New Jersey

[REDACTED] made available a copy of a letter from
[REDACTED] on the stationery of the Constitution Party of the
United States. This letterhead listed the following officers and
committeemen:

National Chairman - Curtis B. Dall, 124 West
Springfield, Philadelphia 18,
Pennsylvania

Committeemen -

[REDACTED] Fort Wayne, Indiana

[REDACTED] Illinois

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[redacted]
Grand Rapids, Michigan

[redacted]
Indianapolis 19, Indiana

[redacted]
Tacoma, Washington

[redacted]
Michigan

[redacted]
Dr. A.G. Blazey,
Washington, Indiana

[redacted]
Syracuse, Indiana

[redacted]
Indiana

[redacted]
Pennsylvania

[redacted]
New York City, New York

[redacted]
Urbana, Illinois

[redacted]
Indianapolis, Indiana

[redacted]
Milwaukee,
Wisconsin

[redacted]
Wisconsin

[redacted]
Brooklyn, New York

[redacted]
St. Louis 19,
Missouri

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Minneapolis, Minnesota

Atlanta, Georgia

West Virginia

Milwaukee 7, Wisconsin

Wisconsin

Joseph B. Lightburn, West Virginia

Indiana

New York, New York

South Bend 15, Indiana

Indianapolis, Indiana

North, Miami 61, Florida

Wisconsin Milwaukee 7,

San Francisco, California

Chicago 21, Illinois

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[REDACTED] Indiana

[REDACTED] Wisconsin

[REDACTED] Columbus 2, Ohio

[REDACTED] Grand Rapids, Michigan

[REDACTED] Ohio

Source advised that during the National Committee meeting, after the convention closed, the following officers were named:

Chairman of National Committee - Curtis B. Dall

Vice Chairmen -

1. Bertram Ellis,
[REDACTED]
Houston, Texas

2. Joe Lightburn, [REDACTED] West Virginia

3. Dr. A.G. Blazey,
[REDACTED]
Syracuse, Indiana

4. W. Frank Horne,
[REDACTED]
Renton, Washington

[REDACTED] National Committee -

[REDACTED]
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Chairman, Women's Division -

Mrs. Samuel G. Clark,
[REDACTED]
San Francisco, California

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL KU KLUX KLAN KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN (NKKK)

A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the klans unity of effort and activities, to establish a National Fund and a National Secretary and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, North Carolina; Association of South Carolina Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Hyksos Klan, Texas.

This source advised that at a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their name be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

This source also advised that at a consolidation meeting at Savannah, Georgia, October 23, 1960, it was resolved and passed that in any future meetings of this group the name "Majority Citizens League" was to be used.

A second source advised that at a national klonklave meeting at Texarkana, Texas, on February 11-12, 1962, a motion was carried that there were to be at least six national meetings a year to be held any time from one week to twelve weeks after the last meeting. The time and meeting place were to be decided by the newly-elected chairman. This second source also advised that at each meeting a new chairman and acting secretary were to be elected to serve at the next meeting. A national secretary had not been appointed.

A third source advised that at a national meeting on November 11-12, 1961. United Klans of America, Inc. (UK) was in-

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This third source further advised that as of the national meeting on May 5-6, 1962, no national fund, headquarters or secretary had been established and no plans had apparently been made to do so. A temporary chairman and acting secretary were to be appointed for each meeting. The name "Majority Citizens League" was not being used in connection with meetings.